

Virginia Air Board
c/o Terry Darton
Air Permit Manager
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TERRY DARTON
AIR PERMIT MANAGER

Dear Air Board-


I am writing this letter on behalf of my support of the Potomac River Generating Station. I feel that the City of Alexandria should allow the permit that Mirant Power needs to install the stack merge on to the power plant. Our city depends on the electricity that the power plant supplies to over 140,000 homes.

The city has already wasted too much of our tax dollars on this issue. Mirant is willing to pay for the stack merge at their own expense to improve the air quality in our city. The power plant has been part of this community for as long as I can remember, and to shut it down would mean losing part of the history of Alexandria.

I am 54 years old and have lived in Alexandria my entire life. The Potomac River Generating Station has serviced my family with all our energy needs and I hope it continues to for many years to come. There is no need to close this plant down. Mirant Power has been improving the plant over the years to bring it up to code.

I am asking you that you please grant the permit that Mirant needs to install the new stack merge to the existing stacks. We need the power that the energy plant supplies. The demand for energy has been growing over the years. Wanting to shut down an energy plant makes no sense.

Thank you for your service,


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